

### **REMARKS**

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on March 8, 2007.

Claims 18-39 are currently pending in this application, with claims 18, 27, 28, 29, 34, and 35 being independent.

*No new matter has been added.*

Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

#### **Prematureness**

Applicant, seeking review of the prematureness of the final rejection within the Final Office action, respectfully requests reconsideration of the finality of the Office action for the reasons set forth hereinbelow. See M.P.E.P. §706.07(c).

#### **Claim rejections**

At least for the following reasons, if the allowance of the claims is not forthcoming at the very least and a new ground of rejection made, then a **new non-final Office Action** is respectfully requested.

The claim rejections are traversed at least for the reasons found within the Appellant's Brief filed along with this Amendment.

Withdrawal of this rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

**Conclusion**

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

**Extensions of time**

Please treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.

**Fees**

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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